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- [ ] divisional application of  
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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: **Joseph A. Affholter et al.**

For: **Single-Stranded Nucleic Acid Template-Mediated Recombination And Nucleic Acid Fragment Isolation**

- [X] For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.
- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: USSN 09/656,549 filed September 6, 2000, USSN 60/185,244 filed February 28, 2000, USSN 60/185,815 filed February 29, 2000, USSN 60/186,247 filed March 1, 2000 and 60/186,482, filed March 2, 2000, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
- [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [X] continuation of [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No.09/656,549 filed September 6, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference for all purposes."

Enclosed are:

- [X] 183 pages of the description (including specification, claims and abstract)  
[X] 8 sheet(s) of [ ] formal [ ] informal drawing(s)  
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[X] **Preliminary amendment: Prior to examination, please cancel claims 1-119 and 158-166, without prejudice to subsequent renewal. Thus, claims 120-157 are pending**

**In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.**

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